HOW OLD ARE YOU?
FOURTEEN YEARS.
ONLY FOURTEEN?! YOU'RE YOUNGER THAN ME!
WHY DON'T YOU ADDRESS ME PROPERLY?
DID YOUR PARENTS NEVER TEACH YOU TO SHOW RESPECT AROUND YOUR ELDERS?!
OH, THEY TAUGHT ME WELL!
THEY TAUGHT ME TO SHOW RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO DESERVE IT!
SIR NARSUS HAS GREAT AND NOBLE AMBITIONS!
IF YOU GET IN THE WAY OF THEM, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
I DON'T NEED YOUR FORGIVENESS!

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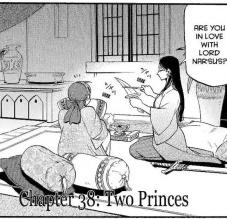
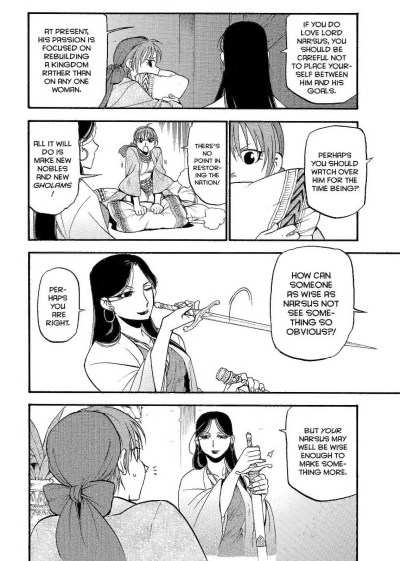
OH?
I'M COMING TO YOUR SIDE!
...LADY FARANGIS WILL BE THE ONLY ONE IN THE WOMEN'S ROOM!
IF ALFARĪD IS HERE, THEN...
WHERE'S THE PROOF BELOW IT?
WHERE'S YOURS IT?
SLAM-!
THERE'S NO POINT IN TALKING TO YOU!!
OH, FORGET IT.

THE HEROIC LEGEND OF ARSLAN




AT PRESENT, HIS PASSION IS FOCUSED ON REBUILDING R KINGDOM RATHER THAN ON ANY ONE WOMAN.
IF YOU DO LOVE LORD NARSUS, YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO PLACE YOURSELF BETWEEN HIM AND HIS GOALS.
ALL IT WILL DO IS MAKE NEW NOBLES AND NEW GHOULAMS /
THERE'S NO POINT IN RESTORING THE NATION/
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD WATCH OVER FOR THE TIME BEING?
PERHAPS YOU ARE RIGHT.
HOW CAN SOMEONE AS WISE AS NARSUS NOT SEE SOMETHING SO OBVIOUS?
BUT YOUR NARSUS MAY WELL BE WISE ENOUGH TO MAKE SOMETHING MORE.

YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE HIM TO BE THAT SORT OF MAN, DIDN'T YOU?
...I KNOW...
...I LOVE HIM...
SO I DON'T REALLY WANT TO FIGHT WITH HIS TRUSTED COMPANIONS...
I WAS HOPING ELIM COULD TELL ME LOTS OF THINGS...
ZZZ
...

KISH-WARD/
I HAD A FEELING YOUR HIGHNESS WOULD PAY US A VISIT UP HERE.
AZRIEL SERVED MY LIFE TODAY.
I ENJOYED YOUR READING!
PWEE!
WHERE IS SO-ROUSH?
HOW FARE'S YOUR BROTHER?

HE WAS A LOYAL AND CLEVER ZANU, AND SO I HID FREED HIM AND MADE HIM AZAT.
I SENT A TRUSTED MAN OF MINE TO STEAL INTO THE CAPITAL WITH BOTH BIRDS.
ABOUT SO-ROUSH...
HE SENT INFORMATION BACK LOYALLY UNTIL SEVERAL DAYS AGO WHEN WORD FROM HIM ABRUPTLY STOPPED COMING.
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH HE WAS KILLED.
YES, YOUR HIGH-NESS, IT IS LIKELY.
...AND SOROUSH, TOO?
I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT MY FEARS WILL BE PROVED WRONG.

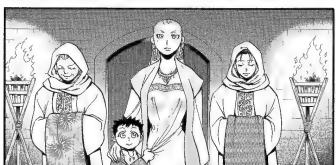
...NO, THAT YOUR LOYAL MIN...IS SAFE, AS WELL.
I HOPE THAT YOUR SWOARM ...
I SEE...
YOUR HIGHNESS, ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU WOULD FREE ALL OF THE SWOARMS?
IN-DEED I AM.
?
WHAT ?!
I MUST TELL YOU SOME-THING, KOSH-WARD.
I REALIZE IT IS YET FAR OFF IN THE FUTURE, BUT WHEN I BECOME KING, I INTEND TO ABOLISH SLAVERY.
TRULY ?!
PERSON-ALLY, I HAVE NO OBJEC-TIONS.
...I SEE.
BOTH LORD NARSUS' WORDS AND YOUR HIGHNESS' RESOLVE ARE SPLENDID.

NARSUS GAVE ME THE SAME WARNING.
HOWEVER, I DO BELIEVE THAT A MAJORITY OF THE NOBLES WILL NOT BACK YOUR HIGHNESS' IN THIS.
BUT I THINK THAT DRIVING OUT THE LUSITANIANS, ONLY TO RETURN PARS TO EXACTLY THE SAME STATE AS BEFORE, IS SOMETHING WE CANNOT DO.
I AM NOT SURE KING ANDRAGORAS WOULD EVER CONSIDER ABOLISHING SLAVERY...
BUT WHAT WOULD YOUR FATHER THE KING SAY OF THESE NOTIONS?
WHAT POINT IS THERE IN FIGHTING, IF THIS KINGDOM DOES NOT BECOME EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE?
I COMPLETELY AGREE.
IF I SUCCEED IN SAVING MY FATHER FROM THE LUSITANIANS, I BELIEVE THAT MY VOICE WILL BE THAT MUCH MORE INFLUENTIAL.

HE WILL SURELY HEAR ME OUT.
THE PRINCE'S NATURE IS STILL A FUNDAMENTALLY GENTLE ONE...
YET HIS HIGHNESS SEEMS TO BE MADE OF SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN HE WAS WHEN HE LIVED AT COURT!
NARSUS, YOU CRAFTY MAN... WHAT DID YOU DO?
OLD MAN BRAHMIN'S BEHAVIOR CONCERNS ME.

OLD BAHMRN WOULD NOT BE IN ANGUISH IF IT WRS SOMETHING STRRIGHT-FORWARD.
FRRNKLY, I DO NOT FIND IT SO AGREE-RBLE.
MRYHRPS HE'S PLRN-NING R BETRYR-RL?
THIS KINGDOM'S OLD MEN— INCLUDING MY UNCLE—SEEM TO LOVE HIDING THINGS FROM THEIR YOUNGER COUNTRYMEN.
HE LOOKED TO ME RS THOUGH HE IS UNSURE OF WHRT RCTIONS HE SHOULD TRKE...
BUT WHRT COULD POSSIBLY SHRKE THE LONG-HELD LOYRLTY OF SUCH R RESPECTED VETERRN GENERRL? THRT IS WHRT I CRNNOT FRTHOM.
IN-DEED ...

HONORED GUESTS, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE WAIT.



I AM TO SHOW YOU TO THE WAR COUNCIL ROOM.
WE WOULD BE MUCH OBLIGED.
WHO IS THIS?
SHE IS LORD KISH-WARD'S WIFE.

MY FATHER IS MARZBÂN MANIC-HURH.
MANIC-HURH?
WHAT? HA...
HELLO
I AM CALLED NASRÎN.
THIS IS OUR SON, RYYAR.

GRAND-FATHER WENT TO BATTLE, DIDN'T HE?
HUHH, RYYAR...

WHERE'S GRAND-FATHER?
ISN'T GRAND-FATHER WITH HIS HIGH-NESS?

WOULD YOU PERHAPS KNOW MY FATHER'S WHEREABOUTS?
AZRAEL AND SOROUSH BRING US INFORMATION, BUT THEY CAN ONLY CARRY VERY LITTLE EACH TIME...
I'M PREPARED FOR THE WORST.

I WAS IN ECBATANA UNTIL MOMENTS BEFORE IT FELL.
THE PARSIAN SOLDIER'S WERE SAYING THAT THEY SAW THE ENEMY FORCE'S DISPLAYING HIS HEAD AS A WARNING.
I HEARD THAT HE FELL IN THE BATTLE OF ATRO-PATENE.
THANK YOU.
GASP!

GRAND-FATHER'S STRONG! HE'D NEVER LOSE, RIGHT?
RIGHT? MOTHER...!
WHERE'S GRAND-FATHER?
MOTHER, WHAT HAPPENED TO GRAND-FATHER?
THE SOONER WE RETAKE PARIS, THE BETTER.
INDEED.
WE DO NOT EVEN KNOW WHETHER HIS MAJESTY KING ANDRAGORAS IS ALIVE.
NO GOOD COMES FROM BEING TOO HASTY.

WHAT?!
I AM AGAINST MOVING OUR SOLDIERS UNTIL AT LEAST NEXT YEAR.
OUR DOING SO WILL BE WHAT SPURS THE OTHER POWERS WITHIN THE KINGDOM INTO ACTION, WILL IT NOT??
IT IS BETTER TO WAIT AND SEE HOW THE VARIOUS POWERS WITHIN THE KINGDOM WILL MOVE FIRST.
PLACING HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE ARSLAN AT THE HEAD OF AN ARMY TO RECLAIM THE PARSIAN THRONE IS CLEARLY THE BETTER MOVE!
YOU SPEAK AS THOUGH YOU OFFER WORDS OF CAUTION, YET I CAN ONLY BELIEVE THAT YOU LACK ANY PERSONAL DESIRE TO ACT!
WHY DO YOU HESITATE, LORD BARMAN?!

ENOUGH, DARYUN.
EVEN FOR LORD BAHMAN, WHO HAS SERVED SINCE THE REIGN OF THE MONARCH BEFORE LAST, THE GREAT KING GOZARES, AND NOT EVEN ONCE BEEN DEFEATED ON THE BATTLEFIELD, OLD AGE IS A CRUEL THING.
HIS HEROIC HEART HAS ALREADY WORN AWAY, SO THAT HE IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH LIVING OUT THE REST OF HIS DAYS COMFORTABLY, IT SEEMS.
WE WERE MISTAKEN TO EXPECT ANYTHING FROM HIM.
HOW DARE YOU !!!
YOU ARE STILL WET BEHIND THE EARS!!!

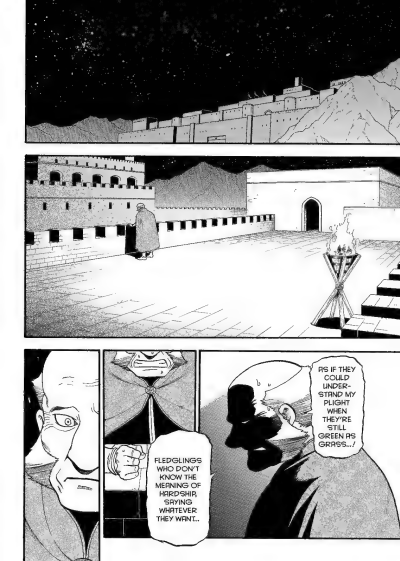
DO YOU BELIEVE THAT MY LOYALTY TO THE PARSIAN THRONE IS LESS THAN YOURS?!!

LORD BISHMAN?!

...I'M GOING TO GET SOME FRESH AIR.

SO HE ONLY GOT ANGRY'S DID HE?
NO...
HE IS A MORE CUNNING OLD MAN THAN THAT.
HE PRETENDED TO BE PROVOKED TO ANGER SO THAT HE COULD LEAVE HIS SEAT AND AVOID OUR QUESTIONING.
WHAT DOUBTS COULD HE HAVE ABOUT MOVING THE TROOPS NOW?
ABOUT THAT, DIRYUN ...
HE'S BEEN ACTING LIKE THAT EVER SINCE HE RECEIVED A LETTER DIRECTLY BEFORE THE BATTLE OF ATROPATENE.
A LETTER ?

YES. A LETTER FROM LORD VAHRIZ.
FROM MY UNCLE?
WHAT DID IT SAY?
I DON'T KNOW. I NEVER SAW INSIDE IT.
I ONLY KNOW THAT IT WAS AFTER THAT LETTER ARRIVED THAT LORD BARMAN LOST HIS EDGE.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING VERY TROUBLING.
...JUST BEFORE THAT BATTLE, MY UNCLE HAD ME VOW MY ALLEGIANCE TO HIS HIGHNESS ARSLAN PERSONALLY.
COULD THAT BE RELATED?


AS IF THEY COULD UNDERSTAND MY PLIGHT WHEN THEY'RE STILL GREEN AS GRASS.../
FLEDGLINGS WHO DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF HARDSHIP, SAYING WHATEVER THEY WANT..

WHO GOES THERE?
I, BRAHMAN, WILL GIVE YOU AN END BEFITTING SUCH A FOOL.
...YOU ARE BRAHMAN?
SHOW YOUR FACE
ふわ…

YOU ARE INDEED A FAMILIAR FACE.
HMPH..

THINK BACK TO SIXTEEN YEARS AGO.
IS YOUR MIND GOING SOFT IN YOUR OLD AGE, BRAHMIN?
I HAVE NEVER MET A MONSTER SUCH AS YOURSELF..
?
BUT I WOULD ALLOW YOU TO LIVE OUT YOUR OLD AGE PEACE-FULLY.
I COULDN'T LET VIRAZ LIVE. NOT WHEN HE WAS ANDRAGORN'S RIGHT-HAND MAN.

FOR YOU WERE ONE OF THE MASTERS WHO TAUGHT ME TO USE THE SWORD AND BOW.
AAAH ...!!
AH ...!
AH ...!
DO YOU REMEMBER NOW?
IT SEEMS YOU HAVEN'T GONE SO SENILE YET.
OHH...
YOU... YOU ARE...

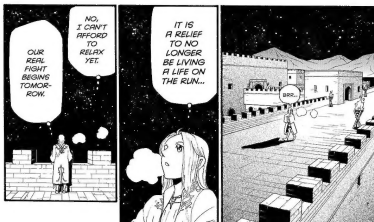
LORD BAHMAN!!
KISH-WIRD!
AN IN-TRUD-ER?!
W-WAIT!/
YOU NEED NOT PURSUE HIM!
WHY NOT?! HE RAN WHEN HE SAW US! HE IS SURELY AN ENEMY OF HIS HIGHNESS THE CROWN PRINCE!
NO.../ THAT MASKED MAN, HE IS...
A MASKED MAN?
P/

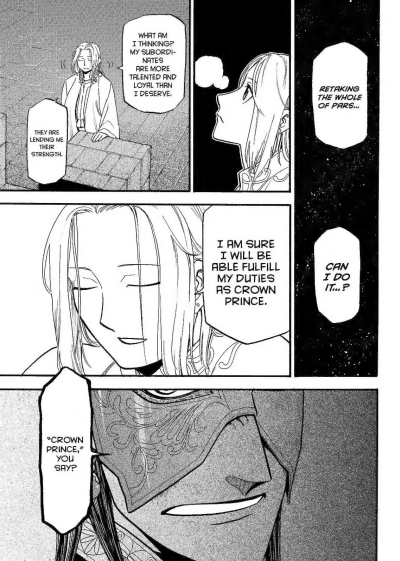
DO YOU KNOW OF HIM!?
DID YOU SAY A MASKED MAN!?
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
HE WON'T HAVE HIS WAY. NOT IN MY FORTRESS!!
THEN WE GO AFTER HIM!!
HE IS AFTER THE HIS HIGHNESS' LIFE!
STOMP

THEN I'LL GUARD YOU.
YES. I WOULD LIKE SOME FRESH AIR.
GOING ON A STROLL, YOUR HIGHNESS!?

BUT YOUR HIGHNESS...
THERE IS NO DANGER WITHIN THE WALLS OF THIS FORTRESS.
NO NEED.

DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF WITH ME. REST.
YOU'RE EXHAUSTED TOO, AREN'T YOU?
I'D LIKE TO BE ALONE TO THINK.


OUR REAL FIGHT BEGINS TOMORROW.
NO, I CAN'T AFFORD TO RELAX YET.
IT IS A RELIEF TO NO LONGER BE LIVING A LIFE ON THE RUN...
BRRR...


WHAT AM I THINKING? MY SUBORDINATES ARE MORE TALENTED AND LOYAL THAN I DESERVE.
THEY ARE LENDING ME THEIR STRENGTH.
RETAKING THE WHOLE OF PARS...
CAN I DO IT...?
I AM SURE I WILL BE ABLE FULFILL MY DUTIES AS CROWN PRINCE.
"CROWN PRINCE," YOU SAY?

YOU...

...ARE ANDRAGORAS' BRAT?